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To: DDS Employers of Record (EOR)
From: DDS Emergency Operations Center
Date: January 14, 2022
RE: COVID-19 Rapid Test Kit & N95 Mask Distribution

The State of Connecticut has prioritized individuals and staff within the DDS network for access to rapid COVID-19 test kits and masks. DDS will be distributing masks and test kits in the coming weeks. Please read below for details on distribution and guidelines for use of masks and rapid test kits.

DDS will be mailing the following to each active Employer of Record (EOR):

- (2) rapid tests and (20) N95 masks

DDS will also be mailing the following to each active Direct Support Professional (DSP) that has worked within the last 4 weeks:

- (2) rapid tests and (20) N95 masks

Mailings are scheduled to begin this week and into next.

N95 masks offer a higher level of protection than surgical or cloth masks. N95 masks may be used by: 1) individuals/EORs, as tolerated and clinically appropriate; or 2) self-directed staff who are medically cleared and properly fit tested under OSHA regulations.

DDS will also continue to host DDS PPE distributions on a weekly basis for EORs. For distribution site locations please visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/advocatescorner>. **Please note test kits will NOT be offered through these locations to EORs at this time.**

Thank you.